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SUBJ: IDF PREPARADNESS

1. (+4) SPECULATION THAT EGYPT MAY BE PLANNING TO RESUME FIGHTING ON A MAJOR SCALE HAS CAUSED REACTION BY IDF. IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS A CRASH PROGRAM TO IMPROVE PREPAREDNESS.

2. (C) EMBASSY EMPLOYEE INFORMED US THAT AS OF LAST NIGHT ALL MILITARY LEAVES WERE CANCELLED. ARMA NOTED THAT EMPTY TRUCKS ARE AGAIN PARKED AT MOBILIZATION ASSEMBLY POINT NEAR HIS HOUSE, SUGGESTING THAT ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL OR UNITS MAY BE MOBILIZED.

3. (SNF) THERE IS AN OBVIOUS PUSH TO GET AS MANY TANKS TO THE FRONT AS POSSIBLE. ARMA NOTED AT TANK (IDF) REPAIR DEPOT THAT TANKS THAT WOULD BE IRREPARABLE BY US STANDARDS WERE BEING PATCHED AND LOADED ON TRANSPORTERS.

4. (SNF) AT ANOTHER TANK REPAIR DEPOT (CAPTURED TANKS) HE NOTED THAT T54/55'S RECEIVED PRIORITY OVER T-62'S. AS SOON AS REPAIRED, THESE TANKS WERE ALSO LOADED ON TRANSPORTERS, PRESUMABLY BOUND FOR THE FRONTS. ANOTHER SOURCE NOTED AT A HOLDING POINT, (WHERE CAPTURED TANKS ARE COLLECTED AND ASSESSED) THAT

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OPERATIONALLY USABLE T54/55'S WERE BEING MOVED OUT
WHILE T-62'S WERE LEFT BEHIND. THESE FACTS STRONGLY
SUGGEST THAT IDF HAS SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF 100MM AMMO
TO SUPPORT THESE TANKS IN COMBAT.

5. (SNF) THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT THESE MOVES
ARE RESULT OF PANIC OR FEAR. IN DATT'S VIEW, IT IS A FORM
OF INSURANCE, TO HAVE AS MUCH CAPABILITY ON THE FRONTS
AS POSSIBLE.

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